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**Number of TAY Served
in Drop-in Centers
For Fiscal Year 2014/15**

935

Drop-In Centers provide “low-demand, high tolerance” environments in which TAY can make new friends, participate in social activities, access computers, books, music, and games.

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DEDICATION CEREMONY FOR MLK JR COMMUNITY HOSPITAL

A grand opening celebration was held for the new Martin Luther King, Jr. Community Hospital on Friday, August 7, 2015. The new hospital is a public-private partnership, offering a new, independent and private-run board with a new chief executive and new staff.

It took \$284 million to build the hospital which will serve nearly 1.35 million residents from Compton, Inglewood, Watts, Willowbrook, Lynwood and Surrounding communities.



Building on the theme of “It’s a New Day at MLK,” Supervisor Mark Ridley-Thomas of the Los Angeles County Board of Supervisors reminded attendees at the ceremony of his promise years ago to open the hospital again during his tenure. “A new day, what does it mean? Delivering on a promise,” he said. Many credited Supervisor Ridley-Thomas for the successful opening of the hospital after years of not having access to healthcare for underserved residents in the area. The Supervisor was heavily praised for his dedication and tenacity in getting the hospital built.

Located on the MLK Medical Campus, the new 131-bed hospital provides general acute care, emergency services, primary care, and labor and delivery services. The hospital is part of the preventative care services available on the MLK Medical Campus, including the Center for Public Health, the Los Angeles County Department of Mental Health (LACDMH) Urgent Care Center and Outpatient Center. The campus has future plans to house a recuperative care center, child medical hub, autism center and community garden.

“We arrive at the finish line of one vision, only to start at the beginning of another,” stated the hospital’s CEO, Elaine Batchlor, MD, MPH. “Thank you for believing this community deserves this investment... It hasn’t been easy but it’s been worthwhile.”

The anticipated dedication ceremony was hosted by ABC 7 news anchor Marc Brown who served as the master of ceremonies. During the ribbon cutting, members of the Los Angeles County Board of Supervisors (Supervisor Mark Ridley-Thomas, Supervisor Hilda Solis and Supervisor Don Knabe) were joined by other dignitaries and community leaders, including Congresswoman Janice Hahn, State Senator Isadore Hall, California Attorney General Kamala Harris, Los Angeles Mayor Eric Garcetti, Dr. Elaine Batchlor (CEO, MLK Community Hospital), Los Angeles County Department of Health Services Director Mitchell Katz, MD, and Sweet Alice Harris (Founder, Parents of Watts).

“God has answered our prayers,” said Sweet Alice Harris to the crowd at the ceremony. “We were here when there was nothing. We are here and now we have something. Today is a new day!”

Source: Karen Zarsadiaz-Ige, Public Information Officer

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Makesha Jones-Chambers, PsyD



On September 1, 2015, the Los Angeles County, Department of Mental Health-Transition Age Youth Systems of Care (TAY SOC) was presented with the NaCo Award at the Board of Supervisors Meeting. The 2015 NaCo Achievement Award is a non-competitive award program that recognizes county government programs that are innovative and enhance services for residents. The TAY SOC team was honored in the category of “Health” for the design and implementation of the Commercial Sexual Exploitation of Children (CSEC) trainings.



The CSEC trainings were developed in conjunction with Supervisorial Districts 2 & 4 in an effort to enhance the knowledge and skills of mental health providers in working with this unique population of children and youth. This specialized training supports the department’s mission in providing culturally competent and trauma-informed mental health services. The CSEC Initiatives and Efforts team includes Terri Boykins, Deputy Director, Erica Reynoso, Clinical Psychologist II, Makesha Jones-Chambers, Clinical Psychologist II, and Myra Lampkin, Psychiatric Social Worker II.

For more information and inquiries, email CSECInfo@dmh.lacounty.gov

Source: Makesha Jones-Chambers

Staff Feature: Robert Jiminez, Staff Assistant II

What interested you into the Mental Health field?

In 1988 I learned of an opportunity within DMH & 27 years later I continue to work for the department.

What is your role in the program?

Currently I am a Staff Assistant II to the Program Head who oversees three Southern East Camps and Dorothy Kirby Center. I supervise approximately 10 staff consisting of seven clerical positions and three Clinic Drivers. I have the overall responsibility for administrative and financial functions.

What goal(s) would you like to accomplish?

Further advancement, experience & personal growth within the department.

What do you do to de-stress/decompress?

Play golf, hike & go on weekend getaways.

Before coming to this program, where else have you worked in the field?

I started my career in 1988 as a student worker with DMH. In 1990, I promoted to an Intermediate Clerk with the Administrative Support Bureau. In 1993, I then transferred to the Public Guardian’s Office as an ITC where I worked for 12 years. In 2005, I joined the Juvenile Justice programs as a PFSW & later promoted to Head Clerk. I have continued my career within Juvenile Justice & in 2014; I was promoted to Staff Assistant II.

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- Robert Jiminez

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Announcements

Suicide Prevention

The Partners in Suicide Prevention (PSP) Team for Children, Transition Age Youth (TAY), Adults, and Older Adults is funded by the Mental Health Service Act (MHSA). This program is designed to increase public awareness of suicide and reduce stigma associated with seeking mental health and substance abuse services.

Trainings have been provided in an array of settings including: Los Angeles County departments, colleges, shelters, faith based communities, community mental health agencies and direct service providers. Our goal is to average 16 trainings per month.

For additional information or trainings, please contact Karon Austin, LCSW, TAY Division, at 213-351-7788 or William Barreto, MPA, TAY Division, at 213-351-7797.

Anti-Stigma and Discrimination

The Countywide Anti-Stigma and Discrimination (ASD) Team is a Prevention and Early Intervention Program. Its mission is to increase public awareness, social acceptance, and inclusion of people with mental health challenges. ASD outreach activities include presentations, group sessions with dialogue, and activities to encourage access to mental health services.

TAY Mobile Resource Library

The mobile library provides information regarding mental health, housing resources, health services, crisis counseling, alcohol and drug counseling, GED preparation, social skills training, job readiness and job placement services. The mobile library can be set up in directly operated and community agencies on a rotating basis.

For additional information on ASD trainings and the mobile library please contact Doralee Bridges, TAY Division, at 213-351-5225.

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**SEI - For An Enhanced Emergency
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Health Services Act (MHSA)**

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